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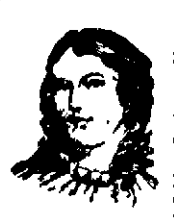
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An Old Favorite

THE OLD MAID

By Amelia B. Welby



MRS. AMELIA B. WELBY, poet, was born in St. Michael's, Md., Feb. 3, 1819, and died in Louisville, May 2, 1892. Her maiden name was Coppick. She was carefully educated and was married in 1839 to a merchant of Louisville. In 1837 she began to contribute verses to the Journal of that city, using the pen name of Amelia. Her poetry, though seldom read nowadays, was popular for a number of years, being reprinted in collected form in 1851, passing through several editions, and in 1859. It was highly praised by the critics of the time, among them Edgar Allan Poe.

WHY sits she thus in solitude? Her heart
Seems melting in her eyes' delicious blue;
And, as it heaves, her ripe lips lie apart;
As if to let its heavy throbbings through;
In her dark eye a depth of softness dwells,
Deeper than that her careless girlhood wore;
And her cheek crimson with the hue that tells
The rich, fair fruit is ripened to the core.

It is her thirtieth birthday! With a sigh
Her soul hath turned from youth's luxuriant bowers,
And her heart taken up the last sweet tie
That measured out its links of golden hours!
She feels her latest soul within her stir
With thoughts too wild and passionate to speak;
Yet her full heart—its own interpreter—
Translates itself in silence on her cheek.

Joy's opening buds, affection's glowing flowers,
Once lightly sprang within her beaming track;
Oh, life was beautiful in those last hours,
And yet she does not wish to wander back;
No! she loves in loneliness to think
On pleasures past, though nevermore to be;
Hope links her to the future—but the link
That binds her to the past is memory.

AN UPRISING IN CHINA

REBELS DISCOVERED IN PREPARATIONS FOR AN ATTACK ON HONG KONG.

EAT DOGS, CATS AND RATS

Serious Famine Prevails in Japan and the People Reduced to Desperate Means.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 24.—Advices from Hong Kong tell of a contemplated attack on Canton. Serious developments of a revolutionary character have occurred lately. The Hong Kong government, acting on the advice of the Chinese government, arrested eight Chinese in a raid on the rebel junta in Hong Kong, the leaders escaping. The police found papers which showed that the attack on Canton is being planned. Uniforms, arms and banners were also found.

The plans included the murder of the two chief mandarins of Canton. Several influential Chinese at Hong Kong were connected with the movement. Advice was received from Chengtu that the rebels of Szechuan led by the boxers have succeeded in making their way to Yunnan.

British-American and French soldiers at Peking have lodged a protest with the Chinese government against transfer of Yuanwu to his foreign prejudices.

Japanese papers protest at the frequent violations of Chinese protocols by Germany in allowing smuggling of arms and war munitions into China. A serious famine prevails in the prefecture of Aomori, Japan. Great destitution prevails and in some places, the poorer families are eating dog and cat flesh. The Japanese papers say that rats are also being eaten.

COMPLIMENT TO THE CZAR

Bowen Suggests That Nicholas Be Invited to Name Members of The Hague Court.

THE IDEA IS POPULAR

Washington, Feb. 24.—Venezuelan Plenipotentiary Bowen has proposed to the allies that the Czar of Russia be asked to name three arbitrators who, as the Hague tribunal shall decide the question of preferential treatment. The suggestion has been approved by the state department.

In diplomatic circles the announcement of the proposed commitment to the Czar is a subject of comment tonight. The allies have not yet signified their acceptance, but this is regarded as well nigh certain.

Comte Cassini, the Russian ambassador, will not be officially informed of the fact until all powers have agreed to the suggestion, when he will be asked to present the invitation to his sovereign. The ambassador evidently was pleased on hearing of this renewed evidence of friendship for his country on the part of the United States and expressed his appreciation of the courtesy of Bowen in suggesting the Czar for this important duty.

"I can only say," the ambassador said to the Associated Press, "that his majesty will deeply appreciate the compliment to him which Bowen has proposed. As the parent of the Hague tribunal, his majesty has all along watched with gratifying interest the support the great peace court has received from the United States and for whose president and people he cherishes the friendliest esteem and regard."

At the French embassy, an official suggested, it was an especially appropriate tribute to the founder of The Hague tribunal that he be invited to select the personnel of the court which will pass on the first case to be submitted to it by European powers.

KILLS PARENTS AND A SISTER

EARL WOODS, 17 YEAR-OLD-FARMER BOY IN INDIANA, EXTERMINATES FAMILY.

THEN SOUNDS THE ALARM

Claiming Crime Was Committed by Robbers—Weakens and Kills Himself.

Frankfort, Ind., Feb. 24.—Earl Woods, the 17-year-old son of a farmer west of this city, this evening murdered his father, mother and sister and committed suicide. The motive for the crime is not known.

After the shooting, the young man went to a neighbor and said robbers had killed his father, mother and sister and that he escaped after a battle with the desperadoes. He was apparently greatly excited and said he was organizing a posse to pursue his father's slayers. The boy then continued his way toward this city, telling the same story on his way. When questioned by one, he became confused and resented inquisitiveness.

Young Woods said he had no time for further words, as he had to run down the robbers, and he started away. After the boy disappeared behind the barn, a shot was heard, and the farmer hastened to the barn to find him lying with a bullet through his breast.

THE STATE PROMISES TO ACT

To Prevent a Recurrence of the Typhoid Fever Epidemic Now Prevalent at Ithaca.

IT IS NOT SO BAD AS REPORTED.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Dr. Daniel Lewis, state commissioner of health arrived here today to investigate the typhoid fever situation. He spent the day conferring with the city and university authorities and tonight addressed a mass meeting of citizens. He said he believed the water supply was contaminated and that that was the cause of the epidemic; that the situation was not as serious as was supposed; that the state would promulgate rules to protect the watershed with a view of preventing another epidemic.

One death was recorded today and several new cases reported among them, two Cornell students, one of these being Clyde A. B. Leavitt of Bellville, Mich.

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LACKAWANNA WAS A LOSER

COAL STRIKE MADE BIG CUT IN THE GROSS AND NET EARNINGS.

TRUSDALE TAKES A SHOT

At Bituminous Miners As The Cause of The Trouble in Anthracite Field.

New York, Feb. 24.—The stockholders of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad had their annual meeting today. All the directors and officers were re-elected. The annual report shows a decrease of gross earnings of \$2,108,869 or 8.7 per cent and in the net earnings of a decrease of \$2,137,742 or 21.6 per cent, due to losses from the coal miners' strike last summer. President Trusdale's report insists that the strike was incited by the bituminous interests which are in direct competition with the anthracite industry. He also refers to the "reckless" irresponsible element throughout the anthracite region which inaugurated a reign of lawlessness and terror accompanied with murder, assault and outrage on individuals. In total disregard of the rights of persons and property and without a parallel in this country.

EXPRESSES ADMIRATION

For the United States And the American Flag.

Panama, Feb. 24.—On the occasion of the celebration of Washington's birthday, General Sarrie, commander of the Colombian forces on the isthmus, sent United States Consul General Gudgeon a copy of a general order of February 22, in which the general expressed the admiration which Columbia has for "the great republic, lead of progress and liberty." In addition the American flag was hoisted at the headquarters of the general's staff and at all military posts, while at night a regimental band serenaded Gudgeon, who held a reception which was attended by the governor and other high civil and military officials.

ANIMALS ALL SAFE.

Barnum and Bailey's Car Barns Damaged \$100,000.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 24.—Fire partially destroyed the new brick car barn at the new winter quarters of the Barnum and Bailey circus here today and burned a number of cars belonging to the circus. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire was caused by a lamp falling to the floor in the midst of a quantity of benzine and other inflammable material.

None of the animals were injured.

GET RICH QUICK SCHEME

Wins the First Round in the St. Louis Courts.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—On the plea that the turf co-operative investment companies were simply gambling schemes and that all investors were partners in the business and must have known the nature of the business, the first attachment suits of the many filed against Ryan and Company were dismissed by Justice Kilber today. The suit was to recover money invested.

Currency Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Aldrich today introduced a resolution which was referred to the committee on contingent expenses of the senate, authorizing the committee on finance to make an investigation of revenue, customs, currency and coinage matters, to sit during the recess of the senate at such times and places as they may deem advisable, to administer oaths and send for persons and papers.

Universal Suffrage for Dutch.

The Hague, Feb. 24.—The democratic-liberal party introduced in the states general today a bill to amend the constitution of the Netherlands so as to extend suffrage to all men and women over twenty-one years of age.

Promises Rebels Amnesty.

Cape Town, Feb. 24.—Speaking tonight at a farewell banquet at which the American and several foreign consuls were present, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain indicated that before long all rebels would be amnestied.

Miguel's Force Flees.

Manila, Feb. 24.—General San Miguel's force of insurgent Ladrone has abandoned Montalban, 16 miles from here and probably has fled to Morong Mountains.

Postoffice Plundered and Robbed.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 24.—The post-office at Morgan Laclede county, was robbed and burned last night. The loss is not stated.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Illinois—Increasing cloudiness Wednesday followed by rain or snow at night or Thursday, winds becoming northeast and fresh to brisk.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for the 24 hours ended Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Professor J. H. Conradt, government observer:

7 a. m.	21	Highest	36
1 p. m.	23	Lowest	28
7 p. m.	26		

CLOSE SECOND TO MORGAN

TILLMAN TALKS FOR THREE HOURS ON RACE PROBLEM IN SOUTH.

THE STATEHOOD RIDER.

Is Withdrawn From the Appropriation Bill and a Partial Compromise Reached.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Tillman today resumed his speech on the Indiana postoffice affair. He denounced the course of the administration and also discussed the race question. Reverting to the president's attitude toward the colored man, Tillman said at first blush there is not a man alive who would not agree with that sentiment, but he inquired if it ever occurred to any one that in opening the door of hope it might not be shut in the face of a white man. The door of hope in South Carolina, he said, at one time had been closed by bayonets to the whites for eight years while rapine, murder and misgovernment ran riot, with an abomination in the sight of man residing over the state.

He declared he did not hate the negro and that all negroes are not bad. Only a small percentage were bad and these, he said, are leading the rest and being voted on the back by the politicians.

He repeated it as his duty to his state to stand forever opposed to any plot of political or social equality on the part of the negro with the whites.

The purpose of those who endorse the president's door of hope policy, he vehemently declared, is that in the South Carolina should become a state of nullities, and in this event he predicted there would be more bloodshed than was ever shed before.

"I beg you for God's sake," he said, turning to the republicans, "not to produce in a state of hatred which will bring the two races together with the resolve of the whites to do in order to retain their supremacy."

Mr. Tillman rebuked the Indiana proposition to pension the ex-slaves and concluded by saying that "in proportion as you arouse false hope in the minds of these people you are only sowing the seed which will flame up into a civil war later on."

Routine Business.

During the morning hour several bills and resolutions were passed and consideration was given to a bill to furnish the life insurance of public employees on deposit in national banks. The agricultural appropriation bill also was considered, and committee amendments agreed to on the statehood rider, which was passed over. The senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock, when until otherwise ordered will be the hour of convening hereafter.

Partial Compromise.

After the adjournment of the senate

a caucus of democratic members of the committee on postoffices met the republican members of that committee who have been friendly to the statehood bill. They decided to ask the chairman of the committee on postoffice and agriculture to withdraw the statehood riders which they have placed on the appropriation bills. It was also decided to continue the fight for the omnibus bill as it came from the house without the amendment but not to antagonize the appropriation bills or executive business with it.

The republicans have decided to present a compromise bill to the senate.

THE HOUSE.

The house passed the Philippine currency bill accepting the senate bill so far as it relates to the islands. A committee amendment striking out an international monetary conference was agreed to. The contested election case of Wagner vs. Butler, was under consideration for a time and the democrats began to filibuster which they threaten to continue if the case is pressed. The case was withdrawn with the agreement that it is not to come up until Thursday.

CUBANS CELEBRATE

The Anniversary of Uprising Which Ended in Freedom.

Havana, Feb. 24.—The eighth anniversary of the uprising at Balce, which was the beginning of the Cuban revolution against Spanish rule which finally resulted in Cuba's freedom, was joyfully celebrated in Havana today. The day was also the climax of the carnival season. Business was suspended and streets and buildings were everywhere decorated with flags. Salutes were fired by the fortresses and newly presented flags were hoisted on Morro castle.

CLOSE OF THE MARDI GRAS.

Dazzling Parade of Mystic Crews of Comus.

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—The carnival closed tonight in a blaze of glory. The parade tonight was by the Mystic Krewe of Comus. Its title was "A Leaf from the Mahabharata" and it illustrated in twenty superb floats the great epic poem of the Hindus. The culminating society event of the season was the ball of Comus at the French opera. Miss Alice Roosevelt was present and was again the object of special attention. Admiral and Mrs. Schley and General Joe Wheeler and daughters, were among the guests.

FIXING THE PINS.

O. of A. R. Seek to Make Mrs. Fairbanks Eligible for Re-election.

Washington, Feb. 24.—At today's session of the Daughters of the American Revolution an amendment to the constitution was adopted that no person shall hold office more than two terms successively, except the president general. The amendment is designed to make Mrs. Fairbanks, present president general, eligible for re-election. The proposed amendments to the constitution occupied the attention of the only one adopted was that relating to the bonds of the treasurer.

Steamship Arrivals.

Naples, Feb. 24.—Phoenicia from New York.

Antwerp—Finland from New York.

Bremen—Zieten from New York.

Aldora—Commonwealth from Boston for Genoa, Naples, Alexandria.

CHINESE SITUATION SERIOUS

Russian Ambassador Protests Against Shipment of Arms to the Heathens.

MANY GO FROM AMERICA.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Representations have been made to the state department by the Russian ambassador regarding the increasing seriousness of the situation in China, in the hope the United States will co-operate with the other powers to stop illegal importation of arms which has reached an alarming state of activity. Similar representations have been made to Belgium, Germany and Great Britain. Chinese officials claim they are powerless to stop the practice and the powers, Secretary Hay and the Russian ambassador have had several conferences but have not decided just what course the United States, under the constitution, can take toward preventing exportation of the arms. It is probable the only relief lies in special legislation by congress which is deemed impossible at this session. The Belgians are chief offenders in this illegal practice, though it is said many arms are entering China from the United States, Germany and Great Britain. The Russian ambassador regards the situation as deserving the serious and immediate consideration of the powers. Reports received at the state department also indicate that mischief is being wrought by the importation of arms into China.

THEY REFUSED TO CENSURE

House of Commons Rejected Beckett's Amendment—Was a Severe Arraignment of Broderick.

RUMORS HE WILL SOON RESIGN.

London, Feb. 24.—The debate on Beckett's proposed amendment to the address in reply to the king's speech, was resumed in the commons today, the attack on War Secretary Broderick continuing. Winston Spencer Churchill, conservative, made a long speech in which he severely criticized the present army organization. Premier Balfour closed the debate for the government, approving and defending Broderick's scheme.

The house finally rejected by a vote of 261 to 145, Beckett's amendment, the terms of which were tantamount to a censure of War Secretary Broderick. The division revealed fewer defections in the unionist ranks than had been expected, only about a dozen unionists voting against the government, while the nationalists abstained, walking out in a body when the division was called.

Lord Charles Beresford and several other unionist members also abstained from voting. Eighteen unionist members, including Winston Churchill and Sir Gilbert Parker, voted against the government.

Rumors that Broderick will soon quit the war office are again current tonight.

Help for Northern Sweden.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—The house today appropriated \$5,000 for the benefit of the famine sufferers of Northern Sweden.

TURNED ON TWO JETS.

And Crossed Over to the Other Shore By Gas Route.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 24.—The body of Harold Peterson was found today in his home, which was filled with gas from two jets. It is thought he committed suicide Monday. His widow and children are away visiting.

THE ERUPTION OF COLIMA

Violent and Startling, the Flames Shooting in the Air Terrorizing The People.

STONES OF GREAT SIZE EJECTED

Mexico City, Mex., Feb. 24.—News of a violent eruption last Saturday of the volcano of Colima is confirmed. The eruption was violent and startling. At the first it was believed the top of the mountain was blown off. Stones of great size were ejected and the flames shot high into the sky.

Today's advices report the volcano as quiet, but it is feared it may burst forth again. There are many Americans in the vicinity.

Mexico City, Mex., Feb. 24.—At 5:15 this afternoon the most violent eruption of Colima volcano which has occurred in years took place. There was a severe earthquake shock at Tuxpan, and a heavy pall of smoke hangs over the entire vicinity. Both Ciudad Guzman and Tuxpan are near the volcano.

GRAND ARMY

Encampment Begins at 'Frisco August 17.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—General Thomas J. Stewart, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of the national council of administration who are accompanying him in his tour, and the local committee in charge of preparations for the coming national encampment, have decided to hold the encampment during the week of Aug. 17.

Tickets will be put on sale by the railroads Aug. 1. The time limit will probably be sixty days. The executive committee will be empowered to invite President Roosevelt to attend the encampment.

Consecrated Conductor-Bishop.

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—With all the splendor and solemnity of the Roman Catholic church Rev. J. F. Regis Canavin was consecrated as coadjutor-bishop of the Pittsburg diocese this morning. Arch-bishop Ryan of Philadelphia officiated as consecrator and celebrant of pontifical mass.

Moody Orders Court Martial.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Moody today ordered a general court martial to convene at the navy yards at Pensacola, Fla., March 6 for trial of Ensign Ward K. Wortman on a charge of neglect of duty, growing out of the recent explosion in the eight-inch turret of the battleship Massachusetts which resulted in the death of nine members of the crew.

Lord Minto to Retire.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24.—It is stated by a personal friend of the governor general that Lord Minto will retire from office next fall.

BIG SHIPMENTS OF COAL

Results in Another Famine in Southern Illinois—Schools at Anna Are Closed.

FUEL SEIZED FOR THE ASYLUM

Carbondale, Ill., Feb. 24.—The scarcity of coal in southern Illinois has again reached the acute stage, owing to the extensive shipments. At Alto Pass the public schools are closed. At Anna, where the southern Illinois hospital for the insane is situated, the attendants unloaded five cars of coal, which has been temporarily placed on the side tracks, so that the institution would not suffer. Coal from the mines that do not ship cannot be obtained on account of impassable wagon roads.

MILLIONS REQUIRED TO RUN ILLINOIS

Total To Be Asked For Close to Twenty Millions.

Springfield, Feb. 24.—Appropriations already asked of the general assembly including today's, aggregate a grand total of \$13,225,414, for two years beginning July 1, 1903. Nor are all the bills in.

To this there is yet to be added the secretary of state's omnibus bill for the expenses of the constitutional departments of the government. This bill will aggregate for the two years nearly six million dollars. Included in the million dollars a year for the school fund. The teachers as is well known have asked for an increase in this. They would like to see it doubled and there is considerable more reason for granting their request than there is for some of the appropriations demanded.

Adding six millions to the bills already before the committee on appropriations will be confronted with demands for approximately eighteen millions.

The last general assembly passed appropriation bills which aggregated, approximately, \$13,500,000.

The work of the house committee to bring these demands within sight of the allowances of last session is easy to be seen.

DISGRUNTLED NEGRO

Removed from Office Starts Newspaper to Oppose the President.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 24.—The Mississippi State Register is the name of a new paper just launched here. It is republican in politics, edited by J. H. Hill, colored, and will oppose Roosevelt vigorously. Hill has been a republican leader in the state for a great number of years. He has held several important state and federal offices and was not so very many months ago removed as register of the federal land office here, to make room for a white man. In his salutatory he says:

"Racial prejudices, however strong, should be permitted to lead us into incendiary utterances, blind us to the demands of common justice in our business relations with each other. The two races are here. This is the home of the negro as well as the white man. All of his interests, material or otherwise, are here. He could not get away if he would and few desire to do so."

The Register will enjoy the distinction of being the only republican paper in the state.

Coal Conspiracy Cases.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The hearing of the alleged coal conspiracy cases began today. When court adjourned this afternoon, four jurors had been sworn in.

Want Statehood.

Honolulu, Feb. 24.—A joint resolution has been introduced in the legislature petitioning for statehood.

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TATTLE ABOUT WHITE HOUSE

AND THE RECENT CHANGES

Mrs. Hayes' W. C. T. U. Sideboard Never Existed—Isn't in a Saloon.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Investigation into the recent sale of white house furniture shows no foundation for the story that the sideboard presented Mrs. Hayes by W. C. T. U. has been purchased by a saloonkeeper and is being used in a saloon. The fact is that no such sideboard was ever presented to Mrs. Hayes by the W. C. T. U. or any other body of women or individuals.

With respect to the criticism of portraits of former mistresses of the white house hung in the "cellar" of the mansion, it is stated on authority the portraits are in the corridor on which there are several guest chambers, through which all the guests of the president have to pass, and the portrait of Mrs. Roosevelt is hung directly opposite that of Mrs. Hayes.

ANDREW JACKSON'S PAPERS

Turned Over to the Congressional Library.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The collection of papers of President Jackson which were in possession of Montgomery Blair, Lincoln's postmaster general, and on his death passed to his four children, have been given to the congressional library. These papers comprise thousands of manuscripts and volumes. They include not merely letters to and from President Jackson, but the masters' rolls, military reports and various memoranda. They run back prior to 1800 and come down to the time of Jackson's death in 1845. The most important of them date from the year of 1812.

White House Musicals.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The feature of the musicals given at the White house by Mrs. Roosevelt tonight was the program rendered by the German Liederkreis and Arion Singing societies of New York. There was a large attendance of official society including almost the entire diplomatic corps and many out of town guests. Preceding the musicals President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a number of guests at dinner.

JOLLY JACK TARS

Remember Afflicted Families of the Victims of Explosion.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Moody today received from Captain Charles H. Davis, commanding the battleship Alabama, a check for \$433, which he said represented a voluntary contribution of the crew of the Alabama for the benefit of the families of the nine men killed in the recent accident on the battleship Massachusetts.

Miller Succeeds Campbell.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Melville W. Miller, of Indiana, will be appointed to succeed Frank L. Campbell, as assistant secretary of the interior. Campbell will take the position of assistant attorney general of the interior department just vacated by Judge Vandeventer.

WAS NOT GUILTY

Jury Acquitted Frank Liston of the Charge of Robbing The Bell Drug Store.

PRISONER'S PLAUSIBLE STORY.

Made Deep Impression — Verdict Reached in Less Than An Hour.

That no one can ever safely predict what a jury will do was well illustrated in the court Tuesday evening when the jury in the case of the People vs. Frank Liston, charged with burglary and larceny, returned a verdict of not guilty.

During the forenoon a number of attorneys were gathered in the corridor enjoying a cigar while waiting for some of their cases to be called on. One of them said: "What in the (puff, puff) is Shelley monkeying with that case for? Why don't he make some sort of a compromise and get the kid out on easy terms. He'll go to the penitentiary sure. And every day in the bunch agreed with him. There was an exception. One man said, "You are not a member of the jury and there's no telling what a jury will do. Sometimes a jury will agree that white is black when every other man, woman and child on earth knows beyond all dispute that it is white. Maybe Shelley knows what kind of a jury he has." At any rate the boy was acquitted.

On the morning of July 22, 1902 a 3 o'clock Liston was caught in the act of entering Bell's drug store by two policemen who were lying in wait for the individual who had been systematically robbing that place.

When arrested Liston was not an employee at the Bell drug store. Several months before his arrest he had been discharged, but in spite of that when he went on the stand Tuesday he said that on that particular night his wife was ill and he went to the drug store to get her some medicine. Arriving at the side door he found it unlocked and went in. As soon as he stepped inside he was confronted by two men and fearing that they were robbers he turned and fled. They pursued him. Shots were fired at him and then he was certain that they were robbers. Naturally he was surprised to find, when overtaken, that his pursuers were police officers, and more surprised when they, who were surprised in the store, accused him. On the way to the police station he claimed the officers slipped the lock and afterward identified as a key which which he was accused of unlocking the door. The key was not his property. The jury believed this story. Any one would believe it if the young man had laid the foundation well and said that on the evening in question two burly policemen came to his house dragged him from the arms of his weeping wife and pleading mother, pushed him into his clothes and by brute force and much of it, carried him to the Bell drug store, forced him on a charge of burglary. Having forgotten such an important link in the story it would have not been surprising if the jury had, while not refusing to believe him, hesitated for a moment. But of course they could easily see that during the excitement of the moment he might have overlooked such a little thing as that and they supplied it for him.

Chief Sullivan said that the prisoner had confessed to having robbed the store. Bell, the proprietor, said the same thing. When the prisoner was on the stand he admitted that he had made such a confession but declared that it was false. That was another thing which materially helped the jury. His branding of that confession as a falsehood and enabled the jurors to bring in their verdict after being out less than an hour. There are five other indictments against the young man all for the same offense.

The case of the people vs. Harry Walker, charged with adultery with a heart, was also on the stand yesterday last before court adjourned for the day. C. L. Forrester and J. L. Deck with defendant and M. C. Griffin with assistant State's Attorney Redmon in the prosecution.

The orders entered yesterday were as follows:

AIM AT LOCAL NIMRODS.

Niantic Hunting and Fishing Club Going to Preempt the Calamus Lake Grounds.

Harry Acker was in the city the first of the week. Acker is a bricklayer who works at his trade during the summer. This winter while his family is in England on a visit to relatives he is living in Henry Ammann's house at Calamus lake and spending the time shooting. Acker says that during the open weather of a few weeks ago the ducks began to fly and the prospect for shooting was first-class, but the freeze up has put an end to all that and there is no more duck shooting in sight until the break up comes. There is plenty of other game there for the man who wants to go after it.

The Niantic Hunting and Fishing club recently organized has taken in all of the land around Calamus lake except the private preserve of Henry Ammann and they propose to hold it for the use of the members. They are especially anxious to prevent hunters from this city shooting on those grounds and will shut them out if the thing is possible.

A FARMERS UNION

Willers of the Soil in Mt. Zion To Meet And Talk About Owning Elevators.

Will Hire An Agent To Look After Their Business And Save Middleman's Profit.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting of Farmers in Mt. Zion on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of forming a Farmers' Union and Elevator Company. The place of the meeting had not been full determined yesterday but will be announced in a day or so. E. C. Bergfield of Broadlands who is organizing farmers in different portions of the state is expected to be present and explain the objects of the union.

J. B. Henry was in the city Tuesday and stated that he had presented the idea to a number of farmers and they seemed to be pleased with a possibility of doing their own business and not depending upon the middle men. The place consists of the organization of a stock company the farmers taking the stock. They sell their grain to the elevator which they own or rather take it to their agent employed by them for the purpose to get it to the market. The promoters figure that they will get part of the benefit of three or four cents difference in the price usually paid by a grain buyer and the price paid on the Chicago market. The man who runs the elevator is simply the agent for the farmer. The organization has other protective features which will be fully explained at the meeting to be held Saturday.

Organizations of this kind have been formed in a number of different places during the past few months and the movement promises to be spread until it exceeds the P. M. B. A. organization of a few years ago but the promoters are hoping for more lasting benefits than resulted from that organization.

The General Movement.

Concerning the quite general movement among the farmers to organize for the purpose of marketing their own grain, the Chicago Tribune says:

"Farmers in the state adjacent to the Chicago market are losing thousands of dollars daily through the operations of an association of grain dealers which is alleged to be conducting a successful boycott on all outsiders who attempt to engage in the grain business. Commission men in this city, with their abundant capital and their prestige in business, are powerless to handle consignments of grain without the sanction of this association and are growing restless under the restraint imposed upon them.

Scores of small dealers have been forced out of business because they paid farmers a much greater price for grain than the association is willing to pay.

"The grain dealers of Chicago recognize that a great wrong is being perpetrated," said a member of one of the leading commission firms of the city yesterday, "but it has seemed impossible to do anything to remedy matters. The organization is known as 'The National Grain Dealers' Association,' and federated with it are state associations in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas.

"This association refuses to allow competitors in the field. When grain is started to this city by independent dealers a letter is sent to the consignee warning him not to handle the shipment. The penalty threatened is the cutting off of the commission firm from dealing with any member of the association, and so widespread is its membership no commission house dare defy it, and the small dealer finds himself with no market for his purchases."

Here as a sample of the communications received daily from the state branches of the association:

"We desire to advise you that the Iowa Grain Dealers' association does not recognize farmers' elevator companies. We shall use all legitimate means to protect our members from such competition, a competition that if successful means that the grain dealer would earn a legitimate profit must go out of business. We state our position plainly that you may decide on such a policy toward these farmers' elevator companies as you may consider for your best interests, and hope you will continue to work in harmony with us."

Questioned as to the losses resulting to farmers from the methods of the association, the commission man continued:

"Prices made by the association are much under those which the farmers' organizations are willing to pay, sometimes running 5 cents under the quotations of sales. The resultant loss has run into hundreds of thousands of dollars in the two years of the life of the association."

At many points the farmers built a small elevator, and after hauling their grain there left it to a trusted representative. They thus obtained more money for their product than the association buyers were willing to pay, but, being deprived of a market, they could not continue business.

As to the losses resulting to the commission men of Chicago, the aggregate is stupendous. One firm was cut off from a shipper in a small Illinois town who had paid the local house on an average of \$1,500 commission annually for a number of years. Not only did the firm lose the customer and the resultant profits of the business, but for presuming to do business alone it was driven out.

"This can not run on much longer," continued the commission man, "and I predict a general rebellion among the commission houses of Chicago. All that prevents its outbreak now is the lack of procedure that would prove effective."

Guardian Appointed.

In the county court yesterday Bridget W. Delahanty was appointed guardian of her minor children, James J. and Myrtle Delahanty. She gave an approved bond in the sum of \$8000.

HARRY WEYL IS DEAD

Former Resident of Decatur Passed Away Yesterday at His Home in Trenton, Neb.

WAS A SON OF DR. H. J. WEYL.

Dr. H. J. Weyl received a telegram last evening announcing the death of his son, Harry Weyl, at Trenton, Neb., at 2:30 p. m. His demise was due to a nervous disease with which he had been afflicted for some time and was not unexpected.

Mr. Weyl will be remembered by many Decatur persons. He lived in this city until about sixteen years ago when he went to Trenton to engage in the drug business. During his residence in Decatur he was a clerk in the drug store of W. H. Hubbard. He was forty years of age and is survived by a wife and three children. He also leaves his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Weyl, a brother, Dr. George Weyl of Marion and two sisters, Mrs. Clara Needham and Mrs. Lind of Chicago. No announcement of the funeral has been received here.

GULICK-POPE.

Quiet Wedding Tuesday on North Main Street—Other Weddings.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Pope on North Main street at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, occurred the marriage of Fred L. Gulick and Miss Grace Pope.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. S. Lyles of Pawnee, formerly pastor of Wesley M. E. chapel. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate families. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Pope and is a favorite in her social circle. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Gulick, who live a short distance north of the city. Last night he and his bride left for Leon, Kans., where the young man is engaged in cattle raising.

Walker-Bruley.

Arthur E. Walker and Miss Josie Bruley both of Assumption were married at the county court rooms on Tuesday, the ceremony being performed by Judge O. W. Smith.

Welge-Edwards.

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AT NEW ORLEANS.

Miss Ida Voorhies Will Be Married to Andre Voorhies March 24.

Miss Ida Voorhies will be married at New Orleans on March 24, to her cousin, Andre Voorhies. On account of the length of the wedding will be a very quiet affair, though taking place from the church. The groom is the brother of William Francis Voorhies, who was recently married to Miss Mary Voorhies, sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Andre Voorhies will reside at New Iberia.

HEAVIEST IN THEIR HISTORY

Death Claims of the Woodmen for February the Largest the Order Has Known.

BENEFIT BALANCE ONLY \$50,000.

At the February meeting of the Woodmen board of directors held last week death claims to the amount of \$62,000 were allowed, the largest sum ever paid out in a single month by the order. Receipts for the month were \$520,000, leaving a deficit to be supplied of \$112,000. This reduces the balance in the benefit fund after all liabilities are deducted to about \$50,000.

May Effect Readjustment Contest.

Past experience has shown that the February claims are not the heaviest of the year, and the head officers expect that those of next month will be considerably over the above sum. This renders it evident that had one or more of the assessments been left off last year the society would have found it necessary to levy one and possibly two double-headers at the beginning of this year. A double-header would be something new in the experience of the membership, excepting once under peculiar circumstances, when there were but nine assessments made in one year, and would probably have its effect in the readjustment contest.

TO ENCOURAGE ARBOR DAY.

Supt. Bayliss Is Offering Premiums to the Graded Schools.

For the purpose of encouraging interest in the observance of Arbor day in the schools throughout the state, Alfred Bayliss, state superintendent of public instruction, has offered a premium of \$10 in gold to the graded school teacher or country school teacher in the state who will furnish the best Arbor day program by next year. County superintendents and high school teachers are barred from the competition.

Another award to be made through the state superintendent is that of a series of five handsome engravings of patriotic subjects, of which five sets will be given to the five schools in each county of the state, showing the most marked school year improvements this year. The awards are to be made by the superintendent of schools in each county.

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GETTING ANXIOUS.

Farmers Between Here and Springfield Concerned About the Interurban.

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Justice Courts.

Thomas Church who was Monday the complaining witness against his mother-in-law before Justice Hancock Tuesday reversed the role and in Justice Provost's case pleaded guilty to a charge of assault. At first Church thought that he wanted a trial and it was set for Wednesday but later he came back and paid his fine without disputing the facts.

Births.

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All Against It.

All the members of the legislature from this district were against the proposed salary grab. The matter is expected to come up in the legislature today for a vote and Representatives Gallagher, Gray and Weidner will be lined up against the measure. They all recognize the fact that they have no chance for a private secretary at \$500 for a session.

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LIKE FINDING IT

State Treasurer Busse on Tuesday Turned Over to The City of Decatur \$1041.

BEEN THERE SEVERAL YEARS

Will Be Used For Purpose For Which It Was Collected.

Mayor Shilling and Comptroller Robbins came home from Springfield last night with more than one thousand dollars of city money which has been lying idle in the state treasury for a number of years.

The Herald mentioned several weeks ago that the annual report of the state treasurer recorded the fact that there was in the treasury to the credit of the city \$1041.88 and that an investigation would be made to learn if there was any unpaid charge against that balance. The investigation proved that the money was simply waiting for the city to make a claim for it.

The fact that the money was there was discovered quite by accident. Reports from the state treasurer are ordinarily considered dull reading matter. These reports are sent to the county clerk and one day in an idle moment while Deputy County Clerk Patterson was looking through that report he discovered that there was a balance there to the credit of the city. He called the attention of Mayor Shilling and Comptroller Robbins to that fact and asked what charge there was against the balance. They knew of none and wrote to the state treasurer asking questions. One day last week Mayor Shilling received blanks to be filled on showing that he had authority to spend for the money and was told that upon presentation of the blanks he would receive the money. The city council passed a resolution that the mayor and comptroller should be authorized to receive the money and thus armed they went to Springfield yesterday and secured the cash.

Mayor Shilling said last night that he did not know what would be done with the money. That is, he was not positive to what fund it would be applied. It is the balance of money collected to be applied to the city's bonded indebtedness and he was inclined to the belief that it would be converted to the sinking fund from which a due time it would be drawn to apply on the bonded indebtedness of the city. The council will probably decide that question at the next meeting.

The presence of the money in the state treasury is explained by the fact that in other years the state guaranteed the payment of bonds issued by municipalities. When that guarantee was given the annual tax levy for money to apply on the bonded indebtedness was fixed by the state auditor and the money so collected was sent to the state treasurer to be applied upon the bonds and interest when due.

All of the city bonds issued under that law have been retired. Of course in fixing his levy the state auditor always provided that there should be a little more than was absolutely necessary rather than asking for the exact amount. The result was that when all of the bonds were retired there remained a balance to the credit of the city. Several years have elapsed since all of the bonds were retired and the item has been carried on the books of the treasurer and has been shown in the annual reports but no one ever knew or cared enough about it to look it up until Mr. Patterson called attention to it.

State Treasurer Busse who took the office last January told Mayor Shilling that he was notifying all of the towns and cities which had balances there that each of the municipalities should make arrangements to come and get the money that was due them.

PUPILS' RECITAL.

Given by Mrs. Minnie Van Hall and Daughters.

Mrs. Minnie Van Hall and daughters gave a pupils' recital at their home, 1027 North Edward street, yesterday evening. The parents and friends of the pupils were invited and about 150 persons were present. The rooms were tastefully decorated and festooned, and presented a beautiful appearance. One of the numbers on the program most appreciated was the violin solo by Oscar Van Hall, who had to respond to several encores.

Refreshments were served at a late hour.

The program follows:

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GYMNASIUM TOURNAMENT

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FAST BASKET BALL GAMES.

Instructor Covington is planning to have a gymnasium tournament about April 1. The events are to be running high jump, high kick, 25 yard dash, potato race, standing broad jump, and work on the parallel bars.

Any member of any of the classes is eligible to enter the contest. During the intermission between the events there will be drills given by the elementary and advanced juniors. At the end of the contest there will be a basketball game between the two teams which finish at the head of the league. The members scoring the greatest number of points will be awarded a gold medal, the next highest a silver medal, and the third a bronze one. The medals are to be the regulation Y. M. C. A. standard of the finest workmanship.

The events are to be held at Dennis's hall and a small admission fee will be charged. A great deal of rivalry is even now being shown by the members who are preparing to enter the contest.

Original Work.

The members of the senior class will have an individual night in about two weeks. On this night the members will choose some apparatus and will go through original exercises without the leadership of the instructors. It will be in the nature of an exhibition.

Basket Ball.

The basketball games to be played Saturday night promise to be the warmest of the season. Spies' team which has a percentage of 1000 is scheduled to play Lusk's whose standing is 667. Tollanday with a per cent of 509 is to meet Crea with 333. Barr with 333 is to play against Platt whose standing is 167. A great deal of interest is being shown over the outcome of the game between Spies and Lusk, as the former has not yet been defeated and Lusk's team has lately been strengthened.

Stereopticon Show.

Yesterday evening Secretary Patterson gave a stereopticon entertainment at the social given by the Epworth league of the Wesley chapel.

A Social.

Friday evening, February 27, the Y. M. C. A. will hold a social in the gymnasium. The members are to come dressed as farmers. The members of the Seniors, Business Men's, High School, and Working Boys' classes are to be the only persons present. A short drill, led by Instructor Covington, will be given, after which a general good time will follow. Refreshments of a somewhat country nature will be served. The affair promises to be one of the best as well as one of the most ludicrous socials ever given by the Association.

You can always trust the man or woman who laughs as naturally as a bird sings.

NOW IT IS THE BOYS

Of Springfield and Decatur Schools To Play Basketball.

The basketball game between the boys high school team of Springfield and the boys of the local high school will, from all indications, be very close and evenly contested. The Decatur boys have been practicing regularly for the last four or five weeks and as they all belong to the Y. M. C. A. and take regular practice, a strong team is expected. Harry Crea is captain of the local team and has selected the following players for the game: Forward, Ed. and A. Ross, center; Will Penhallegon; guards, Harry Crea and Morris Surface, substitute Howard Wise. The lineup of the Springfield team is not known, but the following three players will be on the team: Blanchflower, Funderburk, and Smith. The first two are experienced players and prominent in the Y. M. C. A. work in Springfield. Blanchflower is captain of the track team of that place. Springfield will bring over a strong team and large crowd of rooters.

The game will be played March 6, at Dennis's hall and a large crowd is expected to attend the game. The Springfield people will be entertained by the members of the Athletic Association while over here.

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Decatur postoffice for the week ending February 24.

Gentleman's List.
Bennett, M. J.
Blago, Frank
Blorstad, Chas.
Bozarth, Dr. W.
Brick, Geo.
Bullard, Ed.
Cannhaup, William.
Clark, J. E.
Corman, M. A.
Diehl, Chas.
Fisher, Henry
Foster, C. E.
Frick, G. W.
Gardner, Philip.
Gould, Mary A.
Hamlyb, Will
High David
Howard, J. H.
Hurd, A. H.
Hyland, G. W.
Lyons, John W.

Ladies List.
Bonien, Hattie
Burford, Minnie
Cabanaugh, Letitia
Coby, Magie.
Davidson, Ellen
Davis, Della
Eblud, Mary A.
Gould, Mrs. S. E.
Hathaway, M. C.
Hudson, Verdie
Miller, Ida May
Brown & West.
The Butler Co.
Webster A. & Co.
W. F. CALHOUN, P. M.

A woman with good common sense may not be as pleasing to look at, but she may be a far more agreeable companion than the highly tinted beauty.

WOULD ABOLISH "MOOCHERS"

Alderman White Introduces Ordinance Prohibiting their Tolerance.

The political "moocher" must ply his vocation in other cities if the Springfield council adopts the ordinance introduced last night by Alderman White. The ordinance among other things provides that any candidate who uses money to secure a nomination shall forever be barred from making a race for any office in the city if sufficient proof of his action is presented to the council.

The text of the ordinance is as follows: Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Springfield that hereafter when it becomes necessary to nominate any city officers it shall be the duty of the city council to furnish voting places, tickets, judges of election, etc., for such nominations, the expense to be borne by the municipality.

Any person who shall use money or any valuable consideration to secure nomination at said primaries, upon proper proof being presented to the council, their names shall be stricken from the list and they shall be forever barred from making a race for any office in the city; provided, however, that it shall be lawful for candidates to furnish vehicles for transporting voters to and from the polls who are unable to otherwise get there.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after May 1. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are revoked.

The ordinance was referred to the committee on licenses and privileges after which the council adjourned until Wednesday night, out of respect to the memory of George Washington.—Springfield Journal.

Argenta.

Dr. A. E. Raechler visited in Chicago over Sunday.

Mrs. A. F. Hankins and son Orville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hankin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gerber.

Rev. Harris of Decatur is assisting Rev. S. C. Pierce in a revival service at this place.

Rev. Ella Niswonger is ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cross, north of town.

A number of the Rathbone lodge took advantage of the snow last Saturday night and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Clifton in the country. They report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Jane Drake of Decatur is visiting her mother Mrs. M. J. Drake. Grant Kirby and family of Oreada spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Carr.

The Rehoboths will celebrate the 13th anniversary of their lodge on Thursday evening with a social at the lodge rooms, Feb. 24, 1903.

A Short Skirt.
One garment almost indispensable in any lady's wardrobe is the short skirt. It might also be as truthfully stated absolutely indispensable were a pleasant and reliable medicine is needed for any disorder of the stomach or bowels. Sold by H. W. Bell, druggist.

AMUSEMENTS.

David Warfield.

Thursday evening David Warfield and company will appear at the opera house in "The Auctioneer." Warfield and his play have been one of the pronounced hits of the season. He is acknowledged to be the greatest interpreter of Jewish characters now before the public.

Grand Opera.

Friday night the Castle Square Opera company will appear in "Il Trovatore." It is the only taste of grand opera the music lovers of this city will get this season. The company is a good one and is assured of a large and fashionable audience.

Minstrels.

Saturday night H. Henry and company will be in Decatur. His minstrels have been regular visitors to the city for a long period of years. A matinee performance will be given in addition to the regular night performance.

AN ENDEAVOR SOCIAL

At Presbyterian Church by the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary committee of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will have a social next Thursday night in the church parlors. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and candy will be served.

The program will be as follows: Concert solo, Chas. Lorch, Vocal solo, Miss Hubbard, Reading, Judith Mills, Debate, "Resolved that trusts are inimical to the interests of the people."

The affirmative will be upheld by Francis Nye and May Quimby, and the negative by Chester Smith and Will Penhallegon.

A Mother's Recommendation.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by all druggists.

The atmosphere of society is apt to make a green man turn red.

Public Sale

I will sell at public auction at my place, 4 1-2 miles northwest of Decatur, on the Theron Powers' farm, on

Thursday, Feb. 26, 1903

at ten o'clock a. m. the following described property to-wit:

11 HEAD OF CATTLE—2 calves, 6 heifers coming two years old, 1 Jersey cow, 1 Shorthorn cow, 1 Holstein cow.

5 HEAD OF HORSES—2 black work horses, 2 bay ponies, 1 six year old sorrel mare.

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F. J. LEONARD.
T. W. Jacobs, Auctioneer.—24-221711.

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